

Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A composition, comprising:

a topical lightening agent in an amount effective to inhibit DOPAchrome tautomerase, DHICA polymerase, or both, wherein the topical lightening agent has a melanin synthesis-regulating agent selected from the group consisting of coconut water, palm water, concentrates of the foregoing, and any combinations thereof; and

a vehicle, wherein the vehicle is selected from the group consisting of vegetable oils, esters, alcohols, fatty alcohols, isoparaffins, silicone oils, polyols, and mixtures thereof,

wherein the composition is applied to the skin.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 2, wherein the melanin synthesis-regulating agent is a concentrate of coconut water.

5. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 2, wherein the melanin synthesis-regulating agent is selected from the group consisting of coconut milk, palm nut milk, almond nut milk, cashew nut milk, walnut milk, concentrates of the foregoing, and any combination thereof.

6. (Currently amended) A composition, comprising:

a topical lightening agent in an amount effective to inhibit DOPachrome tautomerase, DHICA polymerase, or both, wherein the topical lightening agent is present at about 0.001 wt% to about 20 wt% by weight based on the total weight of the composition, wherein the topical lightening agent has a melanin synthesis-regulating agent selected from the group consisting of coconut water, palm water, concentrates of the foregoing, and any combinations thereof, and wherein the topical lightening agent has a melanin uptake inhibiting agent of an aqueous perilla extract in an amount effective to inhibit the transfer of melanin from melanocytes to keratinocytes; and

a vehicle,

wherein the topical lightening agent has a melanin uptake inhibiting agent in an amount effective to inhibit the transfer of melanin from melanocytes to keratinocytes.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 6, wherein the ~~melanin uptake inhibiting agent is an~~ aqueous perilla extract is

derived from parts selected from the group consisting of perilla leaf, perilla seed, perilla stem, and perilla root.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the topical lightening agent is present in an amount about 0.001 to about 5 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

12. (Original) the composition of claim 1, wherein the topical lightening agent is present in an amount about 0.1 to about 2.5 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

13. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition is in a product form selected from the group consisting of a cream, lotion, an ointment, a gel, a foam, a pomade, an aerosol spray, a pump spray, a stick, a towelette, and a patch.

14. (Withdrawn) A method of lighting skin, hair, lips, and/or nails comprising: applying topically to the skin, scalp, hair, lips, and/or nails the composition according to claim 1.

15. (Withdrawn) The method in claim 14, wherein the composition is topically applied to treat skin condition selected from the group consisting of freckles, age spots, dark spots, hyperpigmentation, post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation,

discoloration, melasma, yellowing, dark circles under the eyes, and any combinations thereof.

16. (Withdrawn) A topical composition, comprising:

- a) an extract of perilla leaf and
- b) a vehicle.

17. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 16, wherein the perilla leaf extract is present in an amount effective to inhibit the uptake of melanin by keratinocytes in the skin.

18. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 16, wherein the perilla leaf extract is present in an amount about 0.001 to about 20 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

19. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 16, wherein the perilla leaf extract is present in an amount about 0.01 to about 5 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

20. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 16, wherein the perilla leaf extract is present in an amount about 0.1 to about 2.5 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

21. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 16, wherein the composition is in a product form selected from the group consisting of a cream, a lotion, an ointment, a gel, a foam, a pomade, an aerosol spray, pump spray, a stick, a towelette, and a patch.

22. (Withdrawn) A method of lightening skin, hair, lips, and/or nails, comprising: applying topically to the skin, scalp, hair, and/or nails the composition according to claim 17.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22, wherein the composition is a topically applied to treat a skin condition selected from the group consisting of freckles, age spot, dark spots, hyperpigmentation, post-inflammatory pigmentation, discoloration, yellowing, melasma, dark circles under the eyes, and any combinations thereof.

24. (Withdrawn) A composition, comprising:

a) a topical lightening agent selected from the group consisting of coconut water, palm water, palm nut milk, pecan nut milk, cashew nut milk concentrates of the foregoing, and any combinations thereof; and

b) a vehicle, wherein the topical lightening agent is present in an amount effective to inhibit DOPAchrome tautomerase, DHICA polymerase or both.

25. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 24, wherein the topical lightening agent is coconut water or a concentrate thereof.

26. (Withdrawn) The composition claim 26, wherein the topical lightening agent is present in an amount about 0.001 to about 20 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

27. (Withdrawn) The composition claim 26, wherein the topical lightening agent is present in an amount about 0.01 to about 5 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

28. (Withdrawn) The composition of claim 26, wherein the topical lightening agent is present in an amount about 0.1 to about 2.5 wt% based on the total weight of the composition.

29. (Withdrawn) A Method of the lightening skin, hair, lips, and/or nails comprising: applying topically to the skin, scalp, lips, hair, and/or nails the composition according to claim 24.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of the claim 29, wherein the composition is topically applied to treat a skin condition selected from the group consisting of freckles, age spots, dark spots, hyperpigmentation, post-inflammatory pigmentation, discoloration, yellowing, melasma, dark circles under the eyes, and any combinations thereof.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (New) The composition of claim 6, wherein the vehicle is selected from the group consisting of vegetable oils, esters, alcohols, fatty alcohols, isoparaffins, silicone oils, polyols, and mixtures thereof.